

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Columbia Township Library
Community Meeting Room
April 25, 2016

The supervisor called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Christine Kolar, Kathy Trischler, Ed Spannagel, Michael Findlay

Absent: Christina Parmenter

Others Present: Brynne McCrea, library director (10:00-10:20), Dara McGarry (8:30-9:30), Tom Young, Commissioner District 1 (8:30-8:45), George Rierison, USA Schools Superintendent (8:30-8:55)

Minutes of March 21, 2016 were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATION

- Tom Young, District Commissioner, provided information on the county mosquito abatement program and the wind turbine financial information.
- Young provided information on the new Smart911 program for emergency response which will provide faster response times for emergency services.
- Bay City-Foresville over the Wiscoggin scheduled for replacement. A bike path of 8 feet on each side will be placed on the bridge due to suggestion to the county from Kathy Trischler.
- Bay City-Forestville Rd., 5 miles into Gagetown, is scheduled to be repaved.
- Dara McGarry introduced herself as she is running for the trustee position for the township.
- George Rierison, USA Schools Superintendent, addressed the board regarding the school election scheduled for May 3rd. Capital improvements and technology upgrades are what the sinking fund and bond proposal are being requested for.

LIBRARY

- Children's programming has been going strong with great participation by the youth.
- The Dollar General Grant for funding youth audio books has been submitted.
- USA School Yearbooks from 1952-1972 are now available online.
- Jamie Whalen has agreed to assist with the Summer Reading Program this year.

Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Spannagel to approve the following library policies as presented: Patron Conduct Policy, Library Privacy Policy, and Lost or Damaged Materials Policy. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

ROADS

Contracts were signed for road maintenance and crushed limestone application for 2016 projects. The following road work is planned for the season:

- Crushed limestone application (1500 ton) on Ackerman Rd. from M-24 to Graf Rd.
- Stockpile of 1,200 ton of limestone for disbursement on gravel roads.
- Road resurface of Elmwood Rd. from Graf Rd. to French Rd.
- Road resurface of French Rd. from Bay City-Forestville Rd. to Huron Line Rd.
- Survey and Hearing of Cass City Rd. from Graf Rd. to French Rd.

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TIRE RECYCLING

The township is hosting another tire recycling offered by the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement and is scheduled for August 4, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm or until the trailer is full.

2015/16 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Findlay, second by Trischler to approve the following amendments to be made to the 2015-16 budget:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
101-410-700	\$500	\$5,500	adj line item within budget – under budgeted prof service expenses wind energy

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

AMBULANCE

- Financial reports were provided and reviewed.
- Warrantee Deed was received and filed with the county for the property donated by the Zimmer family for the location for the new ambulance service project construction.
- Contractor is working on getting plans finalized and required permits. Projecting to start in the month of May.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire department bills were presented for approval. Motion by Kolar, 2nd by Spannagel to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$1,601.66. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Monthly bills

Motion by Findlay, second by Trischler to pay the following bills as presented: Payroll \$6,833.68 and Accounts Payable \$154,060.01 Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Christine Kolar, Columbia Twp. Clerk
Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 16, 2016 at 8:30 AM